

Remarks/Arguments:

With the present amendment, claims 2, 3, 9-11, and 18-21 are pending. All claims and the Abstract have been amended to remove the reference numerals/letters and to place the claims in U.S. form. Claims 2, 3, 9, and 10 have also been amended to remove multiple dependencies. New claims 18-21 have been added.

Applicants respectfully request prompt consideration and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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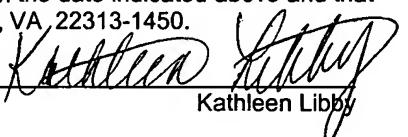
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